

ILS Products Committee Minutes August 24, 2016

9:15 a.m. Chair Adam Van Sickle called meeting to order. In attendance were: Adam Van Sickle, Beth Hronek , Wendi Walton, Desiree Saunders

Missing: Faith Johnson, Brenda Mahoney-Ayres, Paul Pidde, Marci Mock, Mary Jayne Jordan, Brian Greene

- I. Because of low attendance, we skipped approval of March and May meeting minutes to informally discuss our impressions of the two reader's advisory products: Novelist Select and LibraryThing
- II. Wendi, Beth and Adam were in general agreement that the quality of NS was superior to LT because of accuracy in read-a-likes, series ordering, general layout and catalog integration. LT does have some unique enhancements that NS does not have: 1. Starred reviews that show your staff and patron's reviews above other reviews and 2. StackMap (not affiliated with the other StackMap company) "view location" feature that highlights the catalogued location of the item on a library map. Beth said that at her community college, these features would be of limited use. Wendi agreed that StackMap would not be useful in her small library.
 - a. Adam mentioned the other Novelist reader's advisory product mentioned in the webinar: LibraryAware and that this could also be part of a bundled deal through Novelist at possibly a discounted price.
 - b. **Action item:** Desiree will investigate Novelist pricing for both NS and LibraryAware and as a bundled "Novelist Complete" option. At this point she will only get pricing from Novelist. If it happens to be too expensive then we can explore LT pricing.
- III. How do we query our regions/library types to know if we're on the right track with products they want?
 - a. Actual product recommendations should be made by the committee and broad direction questions should go to the regions/library types.
 - b. Desiree suggested tagging on to the Shared Committee's needs assessment survey. This will hopefully get sent at the beginning of October. **Action items:** Desiree will send last year's survey results to the committee so that we have a good idea of the nature of the questions and Adam will draft a question for the committee to edit and approve.
 - c. Wendi would also like to send something specific to the regions or library types we represent. **Action item:** Wendi will send an email to Marci to clearly define what libraries we're representing and the method to contact them.
- IV. **Action item:** We will send this agenda as well as these action items in an email to the committee asking for any additional comments and opinions.
- V. **The next Conference Call will be set for September 21, 2016 at 9am.**

Respectfully Submitted

Adam Van Sickle